

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9657–S9690

Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2846 and S. Res. 435. **Page S9673**

National Intelligence Reform Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 2 p.m., on Monday, September 27, 2004, Senate begin consideration of S. 2845, to reform the intelligence community and the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government. **Pages S9689–90**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S9689**

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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S9674**

Text of H.R. 4755 and H.R. 4850, each as Previously Passed: **Pages S9674–89**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:04 a.m., and adjourned at 12:41 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, September 27, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S. 9690.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded oversight hearings to examine the sustainability of State and private programs for sage grouse conservation, focusing on developments in federal activities, after receiving testimony from Chad D. Cal-

vert, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Terry Cawforth, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Carson City; Greg Schnacke, Colorado Oil and Gas Association, Denver, on behalf of the Partnership for the West; Gary N. Back, Steffen, Robertson and Kirsten Consulting (USA), Inc., Elko, Nevada, on behalf of the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, Inc.; John O'Keeffe, Oregon Cattleman's Association, Salem, on behalf of the Public Lands; Ben Deeble, National Wildlife Federation, Missoula, Montana; and James A. Mosher, North American Grouse Partnership, on behalf of sundry organizations.

TREATIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income (including exchange of notes with attached Understanding), signed at Washington on March 8, 2004 (the "Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 108–25), and the Second Protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Barbados for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income Signed on December 31, 1984, signed at Washington on July 14, 2004; including an exchange of notes with attached Understandings (Treaty Doc. 108–26), after receiving testimony from George Yin, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation; Barbara M. Angus, International Tax Counsel, Department of the Treasury; and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, and Judith P. Zelisko, Brunswick Corporation, on behalf of the Tax Executives, Inc., both of Washington, DC.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 10, 5147–5150; were introduced. **Pages H7579–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H7580**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 4077, to enhance criminal enforcement of the copyright laws, to educate the public about the application of copyright law to the Internet, amended (H. Rept. 108–700). **Page H7579**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Petri to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H7577**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:03 and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H7577**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7577.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 119 was referred to the Committee on Energy & Commerce; and S. 2781 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H7577**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no votes or quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Iraq Reconstruction Program. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, P. D 860)

H.R. 361, to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission. Signed on September 24, 2004. (Public Law 108–304).

H.R. 3908, to provide for the conveyance of the real property located at 1081 West Main Street in Ravenna, Ohio. Signed on September 24, 2004. (Public Law 108–305).

H.R. 5008, to provide an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act

and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through September 30, 2004. Signed on September 24, 2004. (Public Law 108–306).

S. 1576, to revise the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Signed on September 24, 2004. (Public Law 108–307).

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 27 through October 2, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of S. 2845, National Intelligence Reform Act.

During the balance of the week Senate will consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills, when available.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: September 28, to hold hearings to examine policies to enforce the Bank Secrecy Act and to prevent money laundering in money services businesses and the gaming industry, 10 a.m., SD–538.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, focusing on efforts to identify and combat terrorist financing, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: September 28, to hold hearings to examine media ownership issues, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

September 28, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the effectiveness of media ratings systems, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

September 29, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the controversy over embryonic stem cell research, 2 p.m., SR–253.

September 30, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold oversight hearings to examine the security of Internet Root Servers and the Domain Name System (DNS), 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: September 29, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 2410, to promote wildland firefighter safety, H.R. 1651, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, S. 2378, to provide for the conveyance of certain public land in Clark County, Nevada, for use as a heliport, H.R. 2400, to amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam, H.R. 3874, to convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal, H.R. 4170, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with, or facilitate, the activities of various agencies and offices

of the Department of the Interior, and S. Res. 387, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

September 30, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine issues related to low-level radioactive waste, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: September 28, to hold hearings to examine how to combat corruption in the multilateral development banks, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

September 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ryan C. Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Marcie B. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Catherine Todd Bailey, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, and Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: September 30, Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold oversight hearings to examine Section 529 College Savings Plans, focusing on fees, disclosure, state tax treatment and broker sales practices, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: September 29, business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on lobbying practices involving Indian tribes, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: September 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, and William A. Moorman, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and Robert Allen Pittman, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration, 2 p.m., SR 418.

Special Committee on Aging: September 28, to hold hearings to examine combating influenza in order to keep senior citizens alive, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

Program to be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, September 29, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review the Farm Credit System, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, September 30, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Influenza Vaccine, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, September 28, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on H.R. 2649, Schools Safety Acquiring Faculty Excellence Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 4343, Secret Ballot Protection Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, September 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Protecting the Privacy of Con-

sumers' Social Security Numbers," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Improving Women's Health: Understanding Depression After Pregnancy," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 29, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "An Examination of Wireless Directory Assistance Policies and Programs," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, September 29, to consider the following bills; H.R. 5011, Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act; H.R. 4634, Terrorism Insurance Backstop Extension Act of 2004; and H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Combating International Terrorist Financing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, September 30, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "How Can We Maximize Private Sector Participation in Transportation?—Part II," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Financial Management at the Department of Health and Human Services," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, September 29, hearing on Afghanistan: United States Strategies on the Eve of National Elections, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, September 28, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on the "Status of the Implementation of the Pickford v. Glickman Settlement," 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

September 29 and 30, full Committee, to mark up H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

October 1, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on The Presidential Succession Act, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, September 29, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 977, Aerial Firefighter Relief Act of 2003; H.R. 1550, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to improve the commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes; H.R. 1723, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2003; and H.R. 4461, Walnut Canyon Study Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 30, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 4368, Weather and Oceans Resources Realignment Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, September 28, to consider the following: H.R. 3193, District of Columbia Personal Protection Act; and H.J. Res. 106, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, September 29, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, to mark up H.R. 4546, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, September 28, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, to mark up the following: H.R. 5082, Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention and Response Act of 2004; and other pending business, 4 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 29, full Committee, to consider the following: GSA Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Resolutions; H.R. 5082, Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention and Response Act of 2004; H.R. 5105, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona; H.R. 5121, To further protect the United States aviation system from terrorist attacks; the National Health Museum Authorization Act; the Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act of 2004; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

September 30, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing entitled "Are Citizen Suit Provisions of the Clean Water Act Being Misused?" 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, September 30, Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Human Resources, joint hearing on the Commissioner of Social Security's Proposal to Improve the Disability Process, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, September 29, to mark up H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, September 29, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "The National Incident Management System: Enhancing Response to Terrorist Attacks," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

September 30, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, joint hearing entitled "Disrupting Terrorist Travel: Safeguarding America's Borders Through Information Sharing," 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, September 27

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will begin consideration of S. 2845, National Intelligence Reform Act.

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